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SUBJECT: GREENLAND SALMON QUOTA

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1. RFA MET WITH LOKKEGAARD OF DANISH FISHERIES SERVICE REGARDING REFTELS. HE INDICATED DENMARK WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ENTER FUTURE SALMON QUOTA NEGOTIATIONS WITH A PROPOSAL TO GIVE GREENLAND THE EXPIRED QUOTAS OF THE FAROE ISLANDS AND DENMARK. HE RECOGNIZES THE OBJECTIVES IMPLICIT IN THE ICNAF AGREEMENTS TO REDUCE THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH OF SALMON.

2. BECAUSE OF GREENLAND'S VARIOUS MOVEMENTS TOWARDS AUTONOMY, SALMON HAS BECOME A HIGH-CHARGED POLITICAL ISSUE BETWEEN DENMARK AND GREENLAND, AND NOW DENMARK WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO APPEASE THE GREENLANDERS WITH AN INCREASED QUOTA. THEREFORE, AT THE NEXT ICNAF MEETING, THE DANES WILL ASK FOR AN INCREASE IN THE GREENLAND QUOTA, ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THE U.S. POSITION ON EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION WILL MAKE NEGOTIATING DIFFICULT. THE DANES QUESTION THE VALIDITY OF DATA INDICATING THAT ONLY THEIR FISHING INDUSTRY IS DEPLETING THE STOCKS. THEY CITE NATURAL MORTALITY AND REPORTS OF POACHING ALONG THE US-CANADIAN RIVER SYSTEMS AS BEING

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POTENTIALLY GREATER SOURCES OF DEPLETION.

3. IN COMPLIANCE WITH ICNAF AGREEMENTS, INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED BY THE DANISH GOVT TO THEIR OWN, THE FAROES AND GREENLAND'S SALMON INDUSTRIES TO CEASE ALL HIGH-SEAS SALMON FISHING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1975. DENMARK HAS DISTRIBUTED 60 MILLION KRONER (10 MILLION DOLLARS) TO ITS SALMON FISHERMEN FOR HELP IN CONVERTING THEIR VESSELS FOR OTHER TYPES OF FISHING.

4. KOKKEGAARD SAID THAT HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DANISH FISHERIES SERVICE WERE VERY PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE MINISTER FOR GREENLAND WILL BE WELCOME IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS SALMON QUOTAS. THEY FEEL THAT THIS MEETING WILL PROVIDE THE MINISTER WITH A GREATER DEGREE OF UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE ISSUES AND THUS WILL HELP TO RELIEVE SOME OF THE PRESSURES ON THE DANISH DELEGATION DURING THE ICNAF NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. PLANS FOR THE MINISTER'S TRIP HAVE NOT YET BEEN FINALIZED, BUT IT APPEARS LIKELY HE WILL VISIT CANADA FIRST, AS THE DANES EXPECT THE CANADIANS TO BE MORE ADAMANT IN THEIR POSITION THAN THE U.S.  
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